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POSTAL CONVENTION

THE UNITED STATES AND BREMEN.

ADDITIONAL ARTICLES

Agreed upon between the Post-Office Department of the United States and the Post-Office Department of the Hanseatic Republic of Bremen, modifying the Arrangement entered into by the said Fost Departments in 1847 for the reciprocal Receipt and Delivery of Mails to be conveyed by the United States and Bremen Lines of Steamers, direct, between New York and Bremen-

ARTICLE I. The post-office of New Yorkshall be the United States office of exchange, and Bromen the office of exchange of that Repubic, for all mails transmitted under this arrange-

ART. H. The international correspondence, conveyed either by United States or by Bremen teamers, as hereinafter stated, between the United States or its Territories, and Bremes. will be subject to the following postage charges

Postage an each letter or packet not exceeding half an ounce in weight10 cents. Above half an ounce, and not over one

Above one ounce, but not exceeding two ounces......40 cents.

And the postage will increase in this scale of progression, to wit: Additional 20 cents for each additional onnce, or fraction of an ounce Payment in advance shall be optional in cither country. It shall not, however, be permitted to pay less than the whole rate ; and no account shall be taken of the prepayment of any fraction of that rate.

ART. III. All the States belonging to the German Austrian Postal Union, respectively, are to have the advantage of the rate of ten cents, established by the preceding article, (second,) whenever their rostage, to and from Brezien, for letters to and from the Unite States, shall be reduced to the uniform rate of ave cents, or less. On all correspondence for or from such of said states as shall not so reduce their rates, the charge between the United States and Bremen, by either of the two lines, will be fifteen cents the single rate.

And optional prepayment, a regular progresgive scale, &c. upon the same principles as in Article II. shall be admitted and observed.

ART IV. On all letters originating and posted in other countries beyond the United States or mailed to and deliverable in Bremen, HAVING just brought on from New York or originating and posted in countries beyond Bremen and mailed to, and deliverable in the United States, or its Territories, the foreign postage (other than that of Bremen, and other than that of the United States) is to be added to the postage stated in Article II. or III. as the case may be. And the two Post-Office Departments are mutually to furnish each other with lists stating the foreign countries, or places in fereign countries, to which the foreign postage, and the amount thereof, must be absolutely prepaid, or must be left unpaid. And until such lists are duly furnished, neither country is to mail to the other any letters from foreign countries beyond it, or for foreign countries beyond the country to which the mail is sent.

ART. V. Newspapers not weighing more than three ounces each may be sent by the United States and Bremen steamers when the whole postage of two cents is prepaid thereon at the mailing office. The postage on pamphlets and magazines, per ounce, or fraction of an ounce, shall be one cent, prepayment of which shall likewise be required in both countries. Said newspapers, pamphlets and magazines are to be subject to the laws and regulations of each country, respectively, in regard to their liability to be rated with letter postage when containing written matter, or for any other cause specified by said laws and regulations. They must be sent in narrow bands, open at the

ART. VI. The postage for which the United States and Bremen Post-Offices shall reciprocally account to each other upon letters which

hall be exchanged between them, shall be established, letter by let or, according to the scales Agreed upon between the Post-Office Department of progression determined by the preceding second and third articles, as follows, viz:-

The Bremen office shall pay to the United States office for each unpaid letter, weighing halfan ounce, or less, originating in the Unitand destined for the United States, when conveyed, under Article II., by United States States Steamer......14 cents

The United States shall pay to the Bremen office for each unpaid letter, weighing half an ounce, or less, originating in Bremen and dessined for the United States, as well as for each etter of like weight prepaid in the United States and destined for Bremen, when conveyed under Article II., by United States steamer.....l cent and when by Bremen steamer 5 cents

When conveyed under article III., by United States steamer I cent and when by Bremen steamer 10 cents. Respecting the postage for newspapers, pam-

phlets, and magazines received in either conntry, the whole is to be paid to the United States office when the same are sent by United States steamers, and one half to the United States and the other to the Bremen office when sent by Bremen steamers.

It is understood and agreed that, of the portion of the postage for which the United States office is to account to Bremen, as well as of what Bremen may collect, all but one cent a single letter is to go to the benefit of the proprietors of the Bremen line of steamers.

Letter bills and acknowledgments, as well as forms of account, shall be made to conform to these articles.

ART. VII. The accounts between the two departments shall be closed at the expiration of each quarter of the calendar year, by quarterly statements and accounts prepared by the General Post-Office in Washington; and, have been examined, compared, and settled by the Post-Office of Bremen, the balance shall be paid, without delay, by that department which shall be found indebted to the other. If the balance is in favor of Bremen, it shall be paid over by the United States at, Bremen; and it in favor of the United States it shall be paid over by Bremen at Washington, or to the General Post-Office at London, to the credit of the United States, as the Postmaster-General of the United States shall direct Neither office is to charge to the other any commissions upon any postage it may collect. The 20 per cent commission to the postmaster of Bremen, stipulated in Article VI. of the arrangement of these articles take effect; and Bremen is to receive no other compensation for the service

ART, VIII. The steamers of the two lines shall be required to convey all dead and returned letters, and the official communications of the respective post departments of the United States and Bremen, free of charge,

ART. IX. This arrangement, which supersades the temporary arrangement of 6th July, 1853, and it is to be continued in force until as prescribed in the postal convention concinannulled by mutual corsent, or by either post department after the expiration of three may also cease when the Bremen stenmers registered letters sent from the United States cease running.

In witness whereof, we have hereto set our names and affixed the sauls of our respective Washington.

JAMES CAMPBELL, Postmaster-General. RUDOLPH SCHLEIDEN, Minister Resident of the Republic of Bremen. ADDITIONAL ARTICLES

of the United States and the Post-Office Department of the Engreatic Republic of Broment providing for the Registration of valuable letters, to be conveyed by the United States and Bremen Lines of Steamers, direct, between New York and Bremenhaven.

ART. I. Letters, alleged to be valuable, posted ed States and destined for Bremen, as well as at any post-office in the United States, and for each letter of like weight prepaid in Bemen addressed to any part of the German Austrian Postal Union, or posted in the German Austrian Postal Union, and addressed to the Unitsteamer9 cents ed States, and deliverable at the respective exchange office of New York or Bremen, to When conveyed under article III, by United be thence conveyed by the United States and Bremen lines of steamers, shall from and after the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, be registered at the office of mailing, on the application of the person posting the same: Provided, That the full postage chargeable thereon to destination, together with a registration we of five cents on each letter, be prepaid at such mailing office And provided, also, That such registration shall not be compulsory, and shall not render the respective Post-Office Departments of the United States or Bremen, or their revenues, liable for the loss of such letters or packets, or the contents thereof.

ART. II. All such letters or packets mailed in the interior of the United States, or of the German Austrian postal Union, respectively, shall be received, registered, and receipted for as directed in the general regulations issued in each country is regard to the registration of valuable letters, and shall be sent to the exchange offices of New York or Bremen, respectively, for the purpose of being forwarded thence by the next direct steamer.

ART. III. The respective exchange offices of New York and Bromen shall make a separate letter bill for each registered letter, or parcel of registered letters, criginally mailed at said exchange offices, or sent to them to be forwarded, prescribed by the regulations referred to in-Article II., and shall enter therein the name of the person addressed, the post-office to which it is to be mailed for delivery, and the rate of postage for each letter. The postmaster of said exchange office will then mail each such letter, or parcel of letters, in a separate package from the unregistered letters, and seal each package, after tving it in the usual manner. The letter bills of such registered letters. shall not be enclosed in the packages containing them, but shall be enclosed in a separate wrapper or envelope, scaled, and addressed to the postmaster of the corresponding exchange office of Breman or New York.

Agr. IV. On the receipt of registered letters for delivery or distribution, at either of the resnective exchange offices of Bromen or New York, the postmaster of such receiving office will compare the letters with the bill, and endorse it "correct" if it is found so, or will note the error, if there be one, in the manuer pres-1847 is to cease from and after the date when cribed with regard to registered letters recevied from an intand post-office. He will then fill up the corresponding return bill, noting upon it whether correct or otherwise, and will required by the arrangement of 1847 than as see that it is returned by the first mail thereprovided in article VI. of the present conven- after to the office of mailing (New York or Bremen, as the ca-e may be.)

ART. V. Registered letters received at New York from Bremen, or received at Bremen from New York, and destined for an inland nost office shall be forwarded in the same manner as other registered letters originally mailed at either office.

ART. VI. The United States and Bremen PostsOffices shall reciprocally account to each other upon such registered letters as shall be 1853, is to go into effect on the 15th of August, exchanged between them in the same manner ded on the fourth of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three; but the registration fee of five cents shall accrue to the Units months' previous notice to the other; and it ed States, Post-Office Department upon all to Bramen, and to the Bremen Post-Office Department upon all registered letters sent from Bramen to the United States.

In witness whereof, we have hereto set our offices, this 4th day of August, one thousand names affixed the seals of our respective offieight hundred and fifty-three, at the city of ces, this seventeenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, at the city of Washs ington,

JAMES CAMPBELL, Postmastor-Goneral, R. SCHLEIDEN, Minister Resident of the Republic of Bremen.